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COUNTY EXECUTIVE CRAIG ANNOUNCES GRANT FUNDING FOR MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY

(Bel Air, MD - May 14, 2008) - - County Executive David R. Craig has announced an award of \$10,000 for

Magnolia Elementary School. The funds are part of the Department of Community Services School Beautification Grant Program.

The grant will assist Magnolia Elementary School and the PTA in their efforts to replace aging playground equipment, specifically Pre-K equipment, which is not ADA compliant. Personnel from Harford County Public Schools Facilities Management will remove the current playground equipment. The refurbished playground must meet ADA standards and be accessible to those in wheelchairs.

The School Beautification Grant Program is designed to build partnerships between schools, parents, local businesses and industry and the community. Harford County Government had \$150,000 available in the FY 08 budget for projects such as landscaping, playground equipment improvement, painting, wildlife habitat and water quality improvements.

Grants are available to all schools within the Harford County Public School system. Generally, the grants are limited to \$5,000 per project. Organizations may apply for more than one grant within the fiscal year. Grant funding provides assistance for materials or equipment only. No funds may be used for labor and installation related expenses.

"Since its inception several years ago, the School Beautification Grant Program has assisted dozens of schools throughout Harford County," stated County Executive Craig. "Hopefully, many more schools and school-based non-profit organizations will take advantage of this program," Craig remarked.

For more information regarding the Harford County School Beautification Grant Program, such as requirements, guidelines, or to receive an application, visit the Harford County Government website at www.harfordcountymd.gov or contact the Department of Community Services at 410-638-3389, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.